

**HB 1998.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares an intent through the creation of the apple award, to honor and reward students in Washington's public elementary schools who have shown significant improvement in their school's results on the Washington assessment of student learning.

Creates the apple award program to honor and reward public elementary schools that have the greatest combined average increase in the percentage of students meeting the fourth grade reading, mathematics, and writing standards on the Washington assessment of student learning each school year. The program shall be administered by the state board of education.

Provides that within the amounts appropriated for this purpose, each school that receives an apple award shall be provided with a twenty-five thousand dollar grant to be used for capital construction purposes that have been selected by students in the school and approved by the district's school directors. The funds may be used exclusively for capital construction projects on school property or on other public property in the community, city, or county in which the school is located.